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A copy of the European Search Report from European Patent Application No. 1010519 (formerly 98811232.2), published on June 21, 2000. The European patent application corresponds to U.S.S.N. 09/457,006, filed on December 8, 1999.

Enclosed is a copy of European Published Patent Application No. 0845350 (European '350). The European Search Report cited European '350 as being particularly pertinent by itself (category X), cited column 2, lines 39 to 43, Claims 1 to 10 and Figure 1 of European '350 as being pertinent, and cited European '350 as being pertinent to Claims 1 to 10 of European Patent Application No. 1010519.

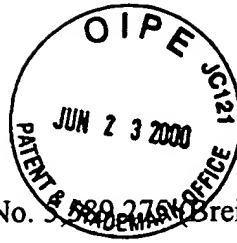
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Application No. 1010519. The European Search Report cited European `636 as being particularly pertinent when combined with a reference in the same category (category Y) regarding Claims 1 to 7, 9 and 10 of European Patent Application No. 1010519.. The European Search Report cited column 4, lines 41 to 47 and 56, column 3, line 49, and Claims 1, 5, 6 and 10 of European `636 as being pertinent.

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Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,291,085 (Ito et al.) The European Search Report cited Ito et al. as being particularly pertinent by itself (category X), cited column 4, lines 24 to 35, column 9, lines 25 and 57 to 63, cited Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 11 to 13 and 15 to 18, Figures 3 and 4, Examples 3 and 10, and Table 2 of Ito et al. as being pertinent, and cited Ito et al. as being pertinent to Claims 1 to 4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 of European Patent Application No. 1010519.

Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,559,266 (Misasa et al.). The European Search Report cited Misasa et al. as being particularly pertinent by itself (category X), cited Claims 1 to 3, 6, 8, 9, 16 and 17, the Figure and Example 3 of Misasa et al. as being pertinent, and cited Misasa et al. as being pertinent to Claims 1, 2, 7, 9 and 10 of European Patent Application No. 1010519.



Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,589,276 (Breitler et al.). The European Search Report cited Breitler et al. as being technological background (category A), cited Claims 1 and 4 to 6 of Breitler as being pertinent, and cited Breitler et al. as being pertinent to Claim 1 of European Patent Application No. 1010519.

Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,424,256 (Christensen et al.). The European Search Report cited Christensen et al. as being particularly pertinent when combined with another reference in the same category (category Y), cited column 4, lines 13 to 21, Claims 1 to 3, 9, 12, and 14, and Figure 4 of Christensen et al. as being pertinent, and cited Christensen et al. as being pertinent to Claims 1 to 3 and 10 of European Patent Application No. 1010519.

Enclosed is a copy of European Published Patent Application No. 0240571 (European '571). The European Search Report cited European '571 as being particularly pertinent when combined with another reference in the same category (category Y), cited column 7, line 20, column 8, lines 3 to 18, and column 18, lines 1 to 3, of European '571 as being pertinent, and cited European '571 as being pertinent to Claims 1 to 3 and 10 of European Patent Application No. 1010519.

A list of the above-cited references is enclosed.

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